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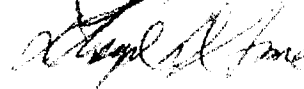
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Three years ago, the Department of Justice announced it had filed an antitrust suit against the Microsoft Corporation, and that was the beginning of our economic woes. The stock market dropped sharply that day, and kept going. Now we are stuck in a recession, and the settlement that was reached last November between the DOJ and Microsoft has a good chance of helping America regain its economic prosperity.

I support the settlement. It ends the unnecessary litigation against Microsoft; it will enable the stock market and economy to get back to past success, and allows Microsoft to resume producing innovative products. Microsoft has agreed to produce future versions of Windows to make it easier for competitors to remove Microsoft software and replace it with their own. While I do not agree with this action since it completely throws free enterprise out of the window, I am relieved to see the litigation stop.

I support this settlement, and hope that the DOJ approves it as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Sime

cc Representative Barney Frank